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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/48/811/Add.3)]

48/259. Special representatives, envoys and related positions

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in its report;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to clarify the position of special representatives and envoys appointed on a "when actually employed" basis, on special service agreement, on a one United States dollar-a-year honorarium or with no remuneration, and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session such special guidelines as would need to be applied to these types of contractual arrangements, including a set of objective criteria for determining the level of such positions and the form of remuneration to be used;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the number of special envoys, special representatives and other special high-level positions is kept at a minimum, that their functions and responsibilities are more clearly defined and streamlined, avoiding any possible duplication, and that current financial regulations and budgetary procedures are fully complied with, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

1/ A/C.5/48/26 and Add.1.

2/ A/48/7/Add.7.

5. Decides that a period of three hundred and sixty-five days shall be used for the calculation of the daily salary of high-level officials working on a "when actually employed" basis;

6. Takes note of the annex to the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General. 3/

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48/260. Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling section II, paragraph 19, of its resolution 48/228 A of 23 December 1993, in which it requested the Secretary-General to consider the creation of a new budget section relating to the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s with recommendations for additional resources and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-eighth session,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme budget section to include the activities mandated under programme 45 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, entitled "Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development", currently administered under section 8 (Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development) of the programme budget, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its current session but no later than 10 July 1994; 3/

1/ A/C.5/48/74.

2/ A/48/7/Add.8.

3/ At its 68th meeting, on 21 June 1994, the Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.71 entitled "Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development" and recommended it to the General Assembly for adoption. The draft programme budget section appears in document A/C.5/48/74/Add.1 dated 7 July 1994.

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3. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in the draft programme budget section mentioned in paragraph 2 above any proposals for additional activities for the current biennium, together with proposals for the redeployment of appropriate resources to benefit in priority the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to review the resources allocated to the implementation of the New Agenda and to submit proposals for additional resources in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to utilize to the maximum extent possible the resources and expertise available within the Organization for the activities envisaged in paragraph 6 of his report.

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48/261. Decentralization of activities and resources in the fields of energy and natural resources

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993, in particular section II thereof,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/61 of 30 July 1993, in which the Council reaffirmed its support for decentralization in order to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global, regional and national entities,

Affirming that decentralization should have as its prime objective the efficient use of resources for more effective programme delivery,

Taking into account the views expressed in the Fifth Committee during the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, 1/

1. Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report; 2/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of those proposals in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, as well as in the programme performance report for the biennium 1994-1995;

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to include the related transfer of resources between sections and the resulting savings in the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

1/ See A/C.5/48/SR.67 and 68, and corrigendum.

2/ A/C.5/48/76.

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the question of decentralization under review and to report thereon, in the light of views expressed by other relevant bodies, to the Committee for Programme and Coordination and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

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48/262. United Nations telecommunications system

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations telecommunications system 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

1. Emphasizes the importance of implementing a cost-effective global telecommunications system that would result in a reduction in the cost of such services, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

2. Takes note of the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as contained in its report; 2/

3. Approves at this stage only the proposal to establish a European hub station, to be situated at the most cost-effective location, and the proposal to upgrade the New York station with only essential associated works, within existing resources in both the regular budget and the peace-keeping special accounts on a fifty-fifty basis, without creating a precedent for the future financing of this project;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, no later than 1 November 1994, setting out alternative ways of implementing the proposals contained in his report with a comprehensive evaluation, including comparative costs, based on bids obtained through the international competitive bidding procedures and in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

1/ A/C.5/48/11/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

2/ A/48/7/Add.9.

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5. Also requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the executive heads of the funds and programmes and the specialized agencies, to develop plans, including sharing the capital costs thereof, for the installation of further Earth stations as necessitated by the various United Nations activities, to avoid duplication and to maximize the benefits to all the organizations concerned;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to ascertain and report on the requirements of the funds and programmes and the specialized agencies for the use of the global network and to propose appropriate formulas for the equitable sharing, between the regular budget and the peace-keeping special accounts and, as appropriate, the funds, programmes and specialized agencies, of the capital costs of implementing the global network and the administrative overhead of operating the network;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report on all aspects, including legal considerations, related to the establishment, operation and maintenance of a global telecommunications system and to ensure, in consultation with the Member States in which United Nations telecommunications facilities and equipment, including those in support of United Nations peace-keeping operations, will be located, that the establishment, maintenance and operation of a system owned and operated by the United Nations will be permitted without compensation;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General, in presenting the costs of the global telecommunications system, to reflect all costs related to the provision of telecommunications services to peace-keeping operations.

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